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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN PREPARES TO SEND ITS AMBASSADOR TO BAGHDAD, INVITE PM MALIKI TO MANAMA

REF: A. MANAMA 00585 1B. MANAMA 00541

Classified By: Ambassador Adam Ereli for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

1.(C) Summary: Bahrain's Ambassador to Iraq, Saleh al Maliki, is preparing to depart for Baghdad shortly. According to Foreign Minister Khalid

12. (C) Ambassador met with Foreign Minister Khalid bin Ahmed al Khalifa on September 2 to review Iraq and other issues (Ref A). Sheikh Khalid

13. (C) At this point, Saleh al Maliki joined the meeting. Soft-spoken but clearly enjoying the attention, he had just completed a series of ir

14. (C) Biodata: Saleh al Maliki, a Sunni, is 34 years old. He has a Qatari wife and two daughters, who live in Qatar. He joined the Foreign Mi